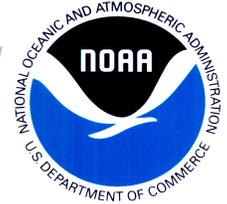




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## RETIRING LODO

After 27 Years of service with NOAA, and 8 Years as the Line Office Diving Officer (LODO) for the NMFS, Ian Workman is retiring. Ian has been a fixture in NOAA Diving since the mid-70's, has logged nearly 3,000 dives with NOAA, and is retiring as one of NOAA's few Master Divers. Frank Parrish of the NMFS Honolulu lab will be taking his place as LODO starting in January 2003.

Ian started his diving in 1960 with the British Sub Aqua Club in England. He stayed active diving as he later moved to New Jersey, spent four years in the Navy, attended college, and finally ended up with NOAA in the mid-70's. Ian performed light commercial diving work for the Halter Marine shipyard, performing vessel surveys, replacing transducers, and repairing props. He also performed four saturation missions in the Hydrolab habitat in the 1970's and 80's. His diving adventures included dives in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, and several lakes, rivers, and quarries in the northeastern U.S. to name a few.

Ian is active both diving for NOAA and in the recreational diving community. Since 1975 he has been active as a diving instructor, holding instructor certifications from NAUI, PADI, CMAS, and IANTD and teaching all levels of scuba diving including technical diving. From 1987 to 1998 he owned and operated a local dive shop.

More recently as a Research Fishery Biologist for NOAA in Pascagoula, Mississippi, Ian's diving has

included work on the development and testing of trawl Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs), certification and testing of new TED designs, bycatch reduction in shrimp trawls, and juvenile red snapper recruitment. Ian has also been a fixture as an instructor at the NOAA Working Diver/Divemaster course held in Florida each year.

Along with Ian's plans to retire in January to the Florida Keys, he also plans to stay active as a recreational diving instructor. **K**

*Thank you for your many years of leadership, dedication, and hard work in the NOAA diving community, Ian. Your contributions and diving expertise will be missed. Best of luck in the Keys.*



Retiring NOAA Fisheries LODO Ian Workman

## TRAINING SCHEDULE

A **Diver Refresher** course is scheduled for April 29 - May 02, 2003. This course can be used to re-certify NOAA Working Divers who's proficiency has lapsed for a year or more. It can also be used by active NOAA divers (Scientific or Working) to certify in the use of a NOAA dry suit or for NOAA employees to complete their Scientific Diver certification.

Training requests are being accepted for the **May/June Working Diver and Divemaster** courses.

**Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Diver Medical Technician (DMT)** courses have been scheduled for 2003.

Please contact Laurie Barber if you would like to enroll in any of the above courses. ☐

**The following classes are scheduled for 2003:**

Jan 13 - 31	Working Diver	Key West, FL
Jan 27 - 31	Divemaster	Key West, FL
Apr 29 - May 02	Diver Refresher	Seattle, WA
May 19 - Jun 06	Working Diver	Seattle, WA
Jun 02 - Jun 06	Divemaster	Seattle, WA
Sep 15 - Oct 03	Working Diver	Seattle, WA
Sep 29 - Oct 03	Divemaster	Seattle, WA
Dec 1 - 12	EMT	Seattle, WA
Dec 15 - 19	Diver Medic	Seattle, WA

## TRI TEST KITS

Dive compressor air test kits are scheduled to be mailed from TRI to ships/units starting January 21, 2003. If you will be unable to complete the testing at that time for any reason (travel, compressor maintenance, ship's sailing schedule, etc.), please contact Laurie Barber (laurie.barber@noaa.gov) as soon as possible to reschedule the mailing of the test kit. ☐

## NDC STAFF

Just a reminder that Dave Dinsmore, Steve Urick, Bill Gordon, and Bill Cobb will be in Florida conducting Working Diver/Divemaster training during the month of January. Please contact Laurie Barber, Sondra Huber, or Lisa Glover with any questions during that time. ☐

## ANNUAL MEDICAL HISTORY

Annual Medical History Report forms (**NOAA Form 56-59**) are due from all NOAA divers age 59 and younger by March 01 of each new calendar year. Forms may be faxed or mailed directly to the NOAA Diving Center, and are available online from the NDC web site or by request from NDC. Divers should note any health changes from their last medical history form submitted to NDC. These forms do not require the signature of a physician nor anyone else besides the diver. **Failure to submit this form by March 01 will result in the suspension of the diver's NOAA certification.** ☐

## ANNUAL TRAINING, Cont

In last month's issue you were reminded that: ***"NOAA-certified divers shall undergo yearly refresher training in oxygen administration, recognition and treatment of diving accidents and injuries, dive rescue, decompression tables, and in-water diving emergency skills. CPR and First Aid refresher training shall be completed in accordance with agency guidelines for certification"***.

Two methods are available to assist you in meeting these requirements:

### Internet

- From [www.ndc.noaa.gov](http://www.ndc.noaa.gov) choose "Training & Certification."
- Next choose "Annual Refresher."
- Instructions and four lecture topics are available from this page.
- **BE PATIENT**; some operating systems cause the initial slide of the presentations to load VERY SLOWLY (1 - 2 minutes). The rest of the slides will load quickly as you progress through each topic.
- Slides are advanced by left-clicking on the mouse or hitting the space bar (Internet Explorer), or selecting the next slide from a sequential list (Netscape).

### CD

CDs containing the four refresher lesson are also available. Contact Laurie Barber at the Diving Center to request a copy. ☐